

## Notification of Improperly Disbursed Funds Letter Funding Year 2002: 7/01/2002 - 6/30/2003

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Re: SPIN:

143025749

Form 471 Application Number: 313925

**Funding Year:** 

2002

FCC Registration Number:

**Applicant Name:** 

Omega Academy

**Billed Entity Number:** 

148730

**Applicant Contact Person:** 

Dr. Ptricia Bassett

Our routine review of Schools and Libraries Program funding commitments has revealed certain applications where funds were disbursed in violation of program rules.

In order to be sure that no funds are used in violation of program rules, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) must now recover these improper disbursements. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the recoveries as required by program rules, and to give you an opportunity to appeal this decision. USAC has determined the service provider is responsible for all or some of the program rule violations. Therefore, the service provider is responsible to repay all or some of the funds disbursed in error.

This is NOT a bill. The next step in the recovery of improperly disbursed funds process is for SLD to issue you a Demand Payment Letter. The balance of the debt will be due within 30 days of the Demand Payment Letter. Failure to pay the debt within 30 days from the date of the Demand Payment Letter could result in interest, late payment fees, administrative charges and implementation of the "Red Light Rule." Please see the "Informational Notice to All Universal Service Fund Contributors, Beneficiaries, and Service Providers" at http://www.universalservice.org/fund-administration/tools/latest-news.aspx#083104 for more information regarding the consequences of not paying the debt in a timely manner.

## TO APPEAL THIS DECISION

If you wish to appeal the Notification of Improperly Disbursed Funds decision indicated in this letter, your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

- 1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address (if available) for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
- 2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Identify the date of the Notification of Improperly Disbursed Funds Letter and the Funding Request Numbers you are appealing. Your letter of appeal must also include the applicant name, the Form 471 Application Number, Billed Entity Number, and the FCC Registration Number from the top of your letter.
- 3. When explaining your appeal, copy the language or text from the Notification of Improperly Disbursed Funds Letter that is the subject of your appeal to allow the SLD to more readily understand your appeal and respond appropriately. Please keep your letter specific and brief, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep copies of your correspondence and documentation.
- Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

If you are submitting your appeal electronically, please send your appeal to appeals@sl.universalservice.org using the organization's e-mail. If you are submitting your appeal on paper, please send your appeal to: Letter of Appeal, Schools and Libraries Division, Dept. 125 - Correspondence Unit, 100 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981. Additional options for filing an appeal can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD section of the USAC web site or by calling the Client Service Bureau at 1-888-203-8100. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic appeals option.

While we encourage you to resolve your appeal with the SLD first, you have the option of filing an appeal directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD section of the USAC web site or by calling the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

## FUNDING DISBURSEMENT REPORT

On the pages following this letter, we have provided a Funding Disbursement Report (Report) for the Form 471 application cited above. The enclosed Report includes the Funding Request Number(s) from the application for which recovery is necessary. Immediately preceding the Report, you will find a guide that defines each line of the Report. The SLD is also sending this information to the applicant for informational purposes. If USAC has determined the applicant is also responsible for any rule violation on these Funding Request Numbers, a separate letter will be sent to the applicant detailing the necessary applicant action. The Report explains the exact amount the service provider is responsible for repaying.

Schools and Libraries Division Universal Services Administrative Company

cc: Dr. Ptricia Bassett Omega Academy

## Funding Disbursement Report for Form 471 Application Number: 313925

Funding Request Number: 822237

Contract Number: N/A

Services Ordered: INTERNAL CONNECTIONS

Billing Account Number:

Funding Commitment: \$40,833.00 Funds Disbursed to Date: \$40,833.00 Funds to be Recovered from Service Provider: \$40,833.00

Disbursed Funds Recovery Explanation:

After a thorough investigation, it has been determined that funds were improperly disbursed on this funding request. During the course of review it was determined that funds were disbursed for products and/or services that were not delivered. During the review it was determined that \$40,833.00 of funding was disbursed to Technology Consulting Resources, LTD for work that was performed by another company. FCC rules authorize USAC to disburse funds to service providers for providing supported services to eligible entities. These rules are violated if the service provider receives payment for services and/or products that it did not deliver to the eligible entity. Since the services were invoiced via a SPI, this violation was caused by an act or omission of the service provider because the service provider is responsible for ensuring that it only receives support for services and/or products that it actually provides to its customers. Accordingly, USAC will seek recovery of the \$40,833.00 of improperly disbursed funds from the service provider.